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28, High Street,
High Wycombe,
Bucks.

October, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of
Marlow Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for 1957.

The population of the town continues to increase - the Registrar General's estimate of the population in mid 1957 was 7,150 or 270 more than that of the previous year. This increase was partly accounted for by an excess of 59 births over deaths, but the major portion was due to inward migration, so that it is evident that people see in Marlow a desirable place in which to live.

There were 13 more births than in the previous year but 9 fewer deaths.

Of the 70 deaths 33 were caused by diseases of the heart and circulation, 13 by respiratory diseases and 10 by cancer. The ten deaths from cancer was the smallest number in the last six years. Strange to say there were no deaths from cancer of the lungs, a state of affairs which has not been shared by adjacent authorities, and one which is not likely to occur very often so long as cigarette smoking remains popular.

There were only two notified cases of whooping-cough and measles accounted for 75 notifications - no other case of infectious disease was notified - this is very satisfactory as measles nowadays is not attended by the dire consequences that it once was. Antibiotic drugs can be used to good effect in the treatment of complications.

Although the epidemic of Asian 'flu had been predicted its virulence turned out to be less than anticipated and most cases were mild although influenza was given as a contributory cause in one death certificate.

In September 1957 the age range of children eligible for polio vaccination was extended to include all born 1943 and later. In addition vaccination was made available to certain priority classes. Unfortunately there was sufficient vaccine available to do only a very small proportion of those registered but at the end of the year arrangements were being made to import American vaccine to supplement the meagre supplies of British.

At the end of the year the giving of combined vaccines to immunise against diphtheria and whooping-cough was abandoned and the use of single vaccines was begun. The reason for this was the known tendency in a very small proportion of cases for combined vaccines - particularly those containing alum - to provoke poliomyelitis. This has meant a great increase in the number of injections to which an infant is subjected and has greatly increased the work of the medical staff.

In closing I should like to thank Mr Jackson and his staff for their assistance and advice at all times so willingly given.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

A.J. MUIR

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS.

Area in acres.....	1,664
Registrar General's Estimate of population mid-1957.....	7,150
No. of inhabited houses on rate book, end of 1957.....	2,245
Rateable Value as at 31st December, 1957.....	£102,471
Estimated Product of Penny Rate.....	£419

EXTRACT FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS
FOR THE YEAR 1957.

BIRTHS.

		<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births	Legitimate	68	54	122
	Illegitimate	4	3	7
	Totals	72	57	129
Still Births	Legitimate	2	1	3
	Illegitimate	0	0	0
	Totals	2	1	3

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the Estimated Population.....	18.0
Comparability Factor - Birth Rate.....	0.96
Adjusted local Birth Rate.....	17.28
Birth Rate of England and Wales.....	16.1
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 births live and still.....	22.7

DEATHS.

Number of Deaths	-	Males	-	32
		Females	-	38
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		Total	-	70
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Death Rate per 1,000 of the Estimated Population.....				9.8
Comparability Factor.....				1.03
Adjusted Local Death Rate.....				10.09
Death Rate of England and Wales.....				11.5
Tuberculosis Death Rate, Marlow Urban District.....				0.14
Tuberculosis Death Rate, Total County.....				0.06

INFANT MORTALITY.

Three infants under the age of one year died.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.....	3	0	3
Illegitimate.....	0	0	0
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Totals.....	3	0	3
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This represents a mortality rate of 23.3 per 1,000 related births, compared with 23.0 as a general figure for England and Wales.

Neo-natal mortality rate - 15.5, compared with a county rate of 16.0.

MATERNAL DEATHS.

- (a) From puerperal sepsis..... 0
- (b) From other maternal causes.. 0

TABLE OF DEATHS.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.....	0	0	0
2. Tuberculosis, other.....	0	1	1
3. Syphilitic diseases.....	0	0	0
4. Diphtheria.....	0	0	0
5. Whooping Cough.....	0	0	0
6. Meningococcal Infections.....	0	0	0
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.....	0	0	0
8. Measles.....	0	0	0
9. Other infectious diseases.....	0	0	0
10. Cancer, Stomach.....	0	1	1
11. Cancer, Lungs.....	0	0	0
12. Cancer, Breast.....	1	1	2
13. Cancer, Uterus.....	0	0	0
14. Other cancers.....	3	4	7
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.....	1	2	3
16. Diabetes.....	0	0	0
17. Vascular lesions, nervous system.....	1	6	7
18. Coronary disease, angina.....	5	2	7
19. Hypertension with heart disease.....	2	0	2
20. Other heart diseases.....	3	9	12
21. Other circulatory diseases.....	4	1	5
22. Influenza.....	1	0	1
23. Pneumonia.....	3	2	5
24. Bronchitis.....	3	1	4
25. Other respiratory diseases.....	1	1	2
26. Gastric and duodenal ulcer.....	1	0	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea...	0	0	0
28. Nephritis and nephrosis.....	0	1	1

TABLE OF DEATHS. (contd)

<u>Diseases.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.....	0	0	0
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.....	0	0	0
31. Congenital malformations.....	1	0	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	3	4
33. Motor vehicle accidents.....	1	1	2
34. Other accidents.....	0	1	1
35. Suicide.....	0	1	1
36. Homicide and operations of war.....	0	0	0
All causes....	32	38	70

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

	<u>Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and still) births.</u>	
	<u>England and Wales.</u>	<u>Marlow Urban District.</u>
(a) Maternal causes excluding abortion		0
(b) Due to abortion.....		0
(c) Total maternal mortality.....	0.47	0.0

CANCER DEATHS.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages):-

Males.....	4
Females.....	6
	—
Total.....	10
	—

Yearly comparison of cancer deaths:-

1957.....	10
1956.....	14
1955.....	16
1954.....	16
1953.....	14
1952.....	10

The following organs were affected:-

Stomach.....	1
Lungs.....	0
Breast.....	2
Uterus.....	0
Other Sites.....	7
	—
Total.....	10
	—

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS.

Tuberculosis Death Rate (All cases).....	0.14
Total Deaths - Respiratory Tuberculosis.....	0.00
Respiratory Tuberculosis Death Rate.....	0.00
Total Deaths - Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis.....	1.00
Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis Death Rate.....	0.14
Total Deaths - Respiratory (Excluding Tuberculosis)..<	12.00
Respiratory Death Rate (Excluding Tuberculosis).....	16.78

POPULATIONS, BIRTH AND MORTALITY RATES FOR THE YEAR 1957

District	Population Census 1951	Registrar General's estimated Population Mid-1957	Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Population	Tuberculosis Death Rate per 1,000 Population	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	Maternal Mortality per 1,000 live and still births
Bucks County	386,164	430,700	16.7	9.7	0.06	21.6	16.0	0.55
Total Urban	193,168	210,900	16.5	9.5	0.06	25.6	18.1	1.13
Total Rural	192,996	219,800	16.9	9.8	0.05	17.8	14.0	0.00
Marlow Urban	6,480	7,150	18.0	9.8	0.14	23.3	15.5	0.00
England and Wales			16.1	11.5	0.11	23.0	16.5	0.47

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) 1957.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Age Periods								
		Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 - 9 years	10 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25+
Scarlet Fever	Nil									
Whooping Cough	2				1		1			
Acute Poliomyelitis:										
Paralytic	Nil									
Non-Paralytic	Nil									
Measles	75	2	3	10	7	8	44			1
Diphtheria	Nil									
Acute Pneumonia	Nil									
Dysentery	Nil									
Smallpox	Nil									
Acute Encephalitis:										
Infective	Nil									
Post Infectious	Nil									
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	Nil									
Paratyphoid Fevers	Nil									
Erysipelas	Nil									
Meningococcal Infection	Nil									
Food Poisoning	Nil									
Puerperal Pyrexia	Nil									
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Nil									
Totals	77	2	3	10	8	8	45			1

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1957.

Age Periods	(a)				(b)			
	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0								
1								
5								
10	1							
15	1							
25		1						
35	1							
45		1						
55								
65+								1
Totals	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	1

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH.

Generally this is carried out in the Child Welfare Clinics although a proportion of the parents make arrangements to have it done by their family doctors. At the end of the year the practice of doing combined immunisation was discontinued.

During 1957 98 children were immunised against diphtheria and 88 against whooping cough. 205 children had booster doses against diphtheria.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX.

During the year facilities for vaccination were made available at the Marlow Health Centre and it is significant that the number of primary vaccinations was more than double that of the previous year there being 129 primary vaccinations compared with 59 in 1956. There were 10 re-vaccinations.

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS.

The scheme for vaccination of children in the 1947 - 54 age-groups was proceeded with and in the autumn of the year the age range was extended to include those born in 1955 and 1956.

Unfortunately the number on the waiting list for the vaccine far exceeded the supply but at the end of the year there was the promise of the British Vaccine being supplemented by supplies from North America.

VACCINATION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS.

As in previous years the offer of vaccination was made to 13 year old children attending schools in the area. A preliminary tuberculin test was carried out and negative reactors were vaccinated with 0.1 c.c. BCG. Very few parents do not accept this opportunity of having their children protected.

AMBULANCE SERVICES.

The Ambulance arrangements for your District, made under proposals submitted by the County Council in accordance with Section 27 of the National Health Service Act (1946) and approved by the Ministry of Health are continuing to give satisfactory service. The Ambulance station is situated in High Wycombe and the premises are up to date and well equipped. Ambulances are under radio control.

HOSPITALS.

The available Hospitals in the District are the Metropolitan Hospitals; The Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading; and the King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor. In addition there are the Marlow Cottage Hospital and the War Memorial Hospital at High Wycombe.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948.

Section 47 - No formal action.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The laboratory facilities of the Public Health Laboratory, Walton Street, Oxford, are available for all investigations carried out on behalf of the Council. Arrangements are made direct with the Laboratory for the transport of material.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The water supply of the district comes from deep wells owned by the Marlow Water Company. The supply is adequate and samples are taken regularly for bacteriological examination.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR.

Council Offices,
Court Garden,
Marlow.

To the Chairman and Members of
Marlow Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I submit my annual report for the year 1957, for inclusion with that of the Medical Officer of Health.

It should be stressed again this year that it is difficult to maintain efficient routine administration such as the care of open spaces, grass verges and all other Council property with the general shortage of skilled and unskilled labour. The unpleasant truth is that when sufficient labour is from time to time recruited, an immediate reaction is observed from the consequent increased cost of that particular work. It seems, in common with Local Government service in most parts of the country, that sufficient and suitable labour is impossible to obtain but when it is it cannot be paid for.

I take this opportunity of thanking all members for their advice and guidance on many matters, and in particular for their bold and continued attack on slum clearance.

I also wish to express my thanks to the Council's Officers on my staff for their loyal and energetic work, to the Medical Officer for his advice and support, and to the Clerk and Financial Officer for their usual co-operation and assistance.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

THO. H. JACKSON.

Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector.

GENERAL SANITATION.

<u>Nature of Visit.</u>	<u>Inspection.</u>
Drainage.....	101
Pet Shop.....	Nil
Rodent Control.....	194
Atmospheric pollution.....	2
Building byelaw sites.....	101
Verminous premises.....	Nil
Re-visits.....	Nil
Refuse Collection.....	1
Refuse Disposal.....	46
Infectious diseases enquiries.....	8
Re-visits.....	Nil
Miscellaneous infectious diseases.....	Nil
Miscellaneous sanitary visits.....	180
Schools.....	Nil
Agents etc.....	9
Stables and Piggeries.....	28
Tents, vans and sheds.....	9

HOUSING.

	<u>Number of houses inspected.</u>	<u>Number of visits.</u>
Public Health Act 1936.....	23	66
Housing Act 1936.....	6	62
Rent Act inspections.....	23	

Total inspections for the year were 2,098.

ARTICLE 31, HOUSING CONSOLIDATED REGULATIONS 1925.

1.	The number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation.....	8
2.	The number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officer.....	5
3.	The number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to	
	(a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works.....	3
	(b) the making of demolition or closing orders.....	6
4.	The number of notices served requiring the execution of works.....	3
5.	The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.....	3
6.	The number of demolition or closing orders made.....	8
7.	The number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under the sub-section (2) of Section 19 of the Housing Act 1930.....	5
8.	The number of houses demolished.....	19

SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED.

<u>Number of informal Notices.</u>	<u>Served.</u>	<u>Complied with.</u>
Served under Public Health Act 1936.	7	5
Served under Food & Drugs Act 1955 and Food Hygiene Regulations 1955..	5	5

<u>Formal Notices.</u>	<u>Served.</u>	<u>Complied with.</u>	<u>Not com- plied with.</u>	<u>In pro- gress.</u>
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Public Health Act 1936.

Section 93.....	3	3	-	-
Section 138.....	Nil	-	-	-
Section 277.....	Nil	-	-	-

<u>Formal Notices (contd)</u>	<u>Served.</u>	<u>Complied</u> <u>With.</u>	<u>Not com-</u> <u>plied with.</u>	<u>In pro-</u> <u>gress.</u>
<u>Housing Act</u>				
Section 11.....	6	1	1	4
<u>Food & Drugs Act 1938:</u>				
Section 13.....	Nil	-	-	-
<u>Factories Act 1937:</u>				
Section 7	Nil	-	-	-
Section 34.....	Nil	-	-	-
<u>Milk & Dairies Regula-</u> <u>tions.....</u>	Nil	-	-	-
<u>Prevention of Damage</u> <u>by Pests Act:-</u>				
Section 4.....	Nil	-	-	-
Shops Act 1950.....	Nil	-	-	-

PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND MEAT INSPECTIONS.

The table on page 17 represents the amount of cattle and meat inspected during the year and it is important that Members should be aware of the difference between the two words in that cattle obviously refers to the animal alive, whose movements and condition must be observed if efficient meat inspection decisions are to be carried out, and it should be noted that once again there is a further increase of cattle, including cows, which pass through the slaughterhouse and the hands of your meat inspectors. There has also been some slight increase in the number of calves and sheep with the number of pigs remaining almost constant.

No particular comments are made in connection with the reasons for condemnation, but it should be noted that I am assisted in that work by the co-operation of the owner and employees of the slaughterhouse and the meticulous manner in which the Assistant Public Health Inspector carries out his duties in that connection.

MEAT.

Carcases inspected and condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	520	121	867	1,600	2,055
Number inspected	520	121	867	1,600	2,055
All diseases and causes, except Tuberculosis and parasites. Whole carcasses condemned.	3	4	6	6	6
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	37	17	3	4	36
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or parasites.	7.7	17.4	1.04	0.63	2.04
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcass condemned.	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	8	10	2	-	32
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	1.7	8.3	0.23	-	1.6
Cysticercosis. Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	8	1	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	4	-	-	-	-
Generalized and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
All other parasitic causes. Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	48	11	-	22	135
Percentage of the number inspected affected by parasites.	9.2	9.1	-	1.4	6.6

MEAT CONDEMNED.

The following quantities of meat were condemned:

Offal.....	2,584 lbs
Beef.....	2,888 "
Veal.....	478 "
Mutton.....	361 "
Pork.....	799 "

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS - FOOD PREMISES.

<u>Type of Premises.</u>	<u>Number in District.</u>	<u>Inspection.</u>
Dairies and Milk Distributors.....	6	12
Butchers shops.....	7	69
Food preparing premises.....	12	79
Bakehouses.....	2	1
Food stores including:		
Fishmongers and Poulterers	37	81
Greengrocers and Fruiterers		
Street Vendors and Hawkers.....		
Ice-cream premises.....	16	33
Restaurants.....	11	23
Slaughterhouses.....	1	715
Licensed premises.....	22	7
Milk samples - Nil		
Water samples - 8		
Miscellaneous food visits - 14		

FACTORIES ETC.

Factories (power).....	30	12
Factories (non-power).....	5	Nil
Shops.....	122	175

MILK SUPPLIES.

Routine inspections have been regularly made to five milk distributors and one dairy in the district, and a continuance of reasonable standards of dairy methods was noted.

OTHER FOODS.

Condemnation.

During the year the following foodstuffs were surrendered for a total of 26 tins including:-

Meat 22: Vegetables 4:

Meat 808 lbs. Sausages 76 lbs. Fresh Fish 4 st.

Disposal of unsound food.

All condemned food is disposed of by burying in the Council's refuse tip under supervision.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND HOUSE DRAINAGE.

The remedial measures carried out last year have proved most satisfactory and a very good effluent is regularly obtained. The problem now remaining is the efficient disposal of sludge and the manner of dealing with detritus, and during the year it is intended to deal with these matters by installing a comminutor and other items.

Minimum discharge.....	153,800 gallons
Maximum discharge.....	505,500 "

RAINFALL.

The rainfall total for the year is as follows:

January.....	1.300	inches.
February.....	3.525	"
March.....	1.81	"
April.....	0.19	"
May.....	1.16	"
June.....	1.04	"
July.....	3.79	"
August.....	2.805	"
September.....	3.015	"
October.....	1.600	"
November.....	2.413	"
December.....	2.49	"

The highest daily rainfall in one day was on the 13th December, 1957, with 0.95 inches.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDING BYELAWS.

One hundred and five plans deposited for approval under the Council's Building Byelaws were dealt with, the sites and construction of the properties were inspected, sewer connections and drainage work supervised and tested. All complaints have been investigated, and when coming within the scope of the Public Health Act or other Acts, they have been suitably dealt with, and the Public Health Inspector's record and diary completed.

One hundred and thirty-four applications under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, were dealt with and maps and records have been kept up to date.

Approved.....	28
Conditionally approved.....	67
Refused.....	34
Withdrawn.....	5

Sixty-nine private houses have been completed during this year.

FACTORIES, WORK-PLACES AND SHOPS.

Power and non-power factories have been inspected during the year and minor faults remedied.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

(a) Collection.

It should be pointed out that one gang with one vehicle, which was dealing with the collection of refuse in 1951, is still dealing with the collection of refuse in a more efficient manner than during that year and is collecting refuse from at least an approximate additional 600 houses. Furthermore, during the present year some further assistance has been given to traders in the High Street, producing what is regarded as household refuse, to collect that refuse on another occasion during the week, making a twice weekly collection. This service has only been carried out by the administration being streamlined and the gang working efficiently as a first-class team and dealing with daily weights not normally handled in private industry.

(b) Disposal.

The system of disposal is by controlled tipping in a low-lying area at the Sewage Works. This land is rapidly being filled and disposal of refuse in the confined Urban District is increasingly difficult, but it is hoped that in the coming year a privately owned disused gravel pit may be available.

(c) Salvage Collection.

The following figures represent salvage collection and receipts for the year, which follow the general trend of a reduction in this form of collection and the market prices of materials.

Waste paper	8 tons 13 cwt. 3 qrs.	£52.8.6d.
Scrap iron	5 tons 6 cwt. 2 qrs.	£33.11.3d.
Scrap lead	5 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs.	£24.19.7d.

COUNCIL HOUSING.

(a) New Sites.

During the year 23 houses and 4 flats were constructed to complete the Allanson Road Estate and 13 old persons' bungalows were commenced in the Seymour Court Road Area. Most of these latter units have been constructed on land hitherto regarded as unsuitable through being originally used as an uncontrolled refuse tip, and for which special foundations were designed.

(b) Maintenance of Council Houses.

A further sum of approximately £400.0.0d has been spent providing fences to Council house gardens, but once again funds were not available to improve the amenities of pre-war Council houses as first reported in the Council's estimates of 1954.

(c) Slum Clearance.

The Compulsory Purchase Order in connection with Clearance Area No 2 has been confirmed by the Minister. This area includes 40 dwelling units and 2 shops.

With reference to the comment in my report last year, it will be noted that approval was given by the Minister for loan sanction for the construction of blocks of flats on the site of Clearance Area No 1 which has provided for certain extra costs, including superior facing bricks, together with sash and frame windows to match some substantial buildings nearby.

The main problem at the end of this year is to find suitable land for the rehousing of slum clearance families.

RODENT CONTROL.

The table on page 23 shows the degree of infestation and records of control in the area. 221 rat bodies were found following treatments.

During the year the Rodent Operator also dealt with the following infestations:-

31 wasps nests and 7 other disinfestations for beetles, ants and other insects.

HIGHWAYS.

Normal maintenance and repairs have been carried out to footpaths and carriageways and approximately 11,253 yards of granite chippings surface dressing was done very successfully by the Council's labour at a cost of 1/2d per yard super.

Estate road works to two private estates and one Council estate for a total of 150 houses have been designed and constructed.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1942.

	Type of Property			All other (including Business & Industrial	Total
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agri- cultural		
I. Total number of properties in Local Authority's District	9	2,245	Nil	417	2,671
II. Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1957 as a result of (a) notifi- cation or (b) otherwise or (c) survey under the Act.	(a) -	91	Nil	19	110
	(b) 9	36	Nil	7	52
	(c) -	-	Nil	44	44
III. Number of properties (under II) found to be infested by rats.	Major 2	1	Nil	2	5
	Minor 3	97	Nil	18	118
IV. Number of properties (under II) found to be infested by mice	Major -	2	Nil	-	2
	Minor -	27	Nil	6	33
V. Number of infested properties (under III and IV) treated by the Local Authority.	5	127	Nil	26	158
VI. Number of notices served under Section 4: (1) Treatment (2) Structural Works (i.e. Proofing)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE.

Daily, weekly and monthly maintenance to vehicles is carried out and suitable records kept.

DEPOTS AND STORES.

Further works of minor improvements with available funds have been carried out to the garage and store accommodation at the Council's Depot.

ADMINISTRATION.

Members of the Council must often be asked by members of the public, many questions in connection with the responsibilities of the local Council, and I hope that once again, the accompanying "family tree" will assist them in giving descriptions and explanations of their many and varied responsibilities and how their staff is occupied.

M.O.H.	Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor		
Deputy M.O.H.	Deputy Surveyor and Public Health Inspector		
	P. Health Inspector.	General Foreman.	Clerk/ Housing Insptr.
Health Centre	Inspections re:	Highways:	Town Planning
Maternity		Scavenging	Building Byelaws
Infectious Diseases.	Public Health Acts.	Repair	Wages
Aged and	Building	Snow	Council House
Infirm persons	Byelaws.	New Roads	Inspections.
Water Supplies	Sec. 60.	Public foot-	Records:
Milk Supplies	Public	paths and	
Food Supplies	Conveniences.	towpaths	Town and
Swimming Pool	Food & Drugs	Sewerage	Country
School Health	Act.	Refuse:	Planning.
Service.	Milk	Collection	Byelaws
Child Welfare	Regulations.	Disposal.	House drainage
etc.	Pet Shops Act.	Pleasure grounds	Vehicles
Vaccination.	Rodent Control.	Open spaces	Public Conven-
Immunisation	Disinfestation:	Grass verges	iences.
Mental Defi-	Rabbits.	Ornamental trees.	Car Parks
ciency.	Wasps etc.	Memorial Enclosure.	Highways
Physically	Public	Council House	Street numbers
Handicapped	Conveniences.	maintenance.	Street naming.
Children.	Refuse Disposal.	Depot	Stores:
	Sewerage	Vehicles.	Orders
	Slaughterhouse	Public Conven-	Completion
	Petroleum Regs.	iences.	Accounts
	Housing Acts	Stores.	Complaints.
	Slum Clearance	Allotments	
	Section 11	Car Parks	
	Section 9	Staff	
	Rent Act	S.D.W. Manager	
		S.D. Works	
		Pumping Station	
		Cemetery Supt.	
		Swimming Pool	
		Attendant.	
		Caretakers	
		Court Garden	
		Public Hall	

Clerk/ Secretary.	U.D.C. Administration	Government Departments.	Public Utilities.
Secretarial Specifications Bills of Quantities Committee Reports Property filing Planning Consents Records: Street lighting New houses. Complaints Telephone duty	Sanitary circum- stances Housing Acts Public Highways Public Footpaths Street Lighting Scavenging Refuse collection Refuse disposal Slaughterhouse Shops Act Food Inspection Swimming Pool Open Spaces and Playing Fields Cemetery Car Parks Public Hall Sewerage Sewage Disposal Works. Civil Defence Petroleum Regs. Private Street Works. Disinfection Rodent Control Town Planning Building Byelaws Council Houses (a) Estate layout (b) Design and construction. (c) Maintenance Staff Annual Estimates Annual Reports Reports to Committee and Council Meetings.	Ministry of Health. Ministry of Transport. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Ministry of Housing & Local Govt. Bucks County Council. Health Planning Highways Fire Civil Defence.	Marlow Water Company. (a) Supplies (b) Street Works Southern Electricity Board: (a) Supplies (b) Street Works. (c) Street lighting. North Thames Gas Board: (a) Supplies (b) Street Works Post Office Telegraphs Street Works.

